

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

--This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/581,451
filed June 9, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. _____, which is 371 of
PCT/FR98/02671 filed December 9, 1998.--

Please replace page 5 with the new page 5 enclosed herewith.

Please replace page 10 with the new page 10 enclosed herewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 11 with the following rewritten
paragraph:

--350 mg of the product of preparation 1, 12 ml of methanol and 130 mg of 2-
hydrazino 2-imidazoline hydrobromide is kept at reflux for 2 hours whilst stirring. After
evaporating dry, 510 mg of product is obtained that is purified by chromatography on
silica by eluting with ~~the compound~~ a mixture of CH₂-Cl₂-, MeOH-, H₂O (86-13-1) then
by semi-preparative (C₁₈) HPLC by eluting with ~~the compound~~ a mixture of CH₃CN-,
H₂O-, TFA (55-45-02). 133 mg of sought product is thus obtained.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--a A mixture of 36 mg of O-(2-hydroxyethyl)hydroxylamine, 5 ml of ethanol, 12 μ l of pyridine, 4 μ l of pure acetic acid and 150 mg of the product of preparation 1 is kept at reflux for 4 hours. 205 mg of product that is purified by chromatography on silica by eluting with the methylene chloride-methanol-water (86-13-1) mixture. 2 products of $rf=0.2$ and 0.25 (isomer Z and isomer E) are isolated.--

Please replace page 19 with the new page 19 enclosed herewith.